

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP – AREA B
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 10, 2011

The Technical Advisory Committee of the Regional Water Planning Group – Area B met together on Thursday, March 10, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of Red River Authority of Texas, 3000 Hammon Road, Wichita Falls, Texas, with the following committee members present:

RWPG TAC Members: Mr. Curtis W. Campbell, Chairman, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
Mr. Wilson Scaling, Vice Chairman, Henrietta
Mr. J. K. (Rooter) Brite, Agribusiness, Bowie
Mr. Mike M^cGuire, Rolling Plains Ground Water Conservation District, Munday
Mr. Russell Schreiber, City of Wichita Falls
Mr. Jack Campsey, Gateway Groundwater Conservation District, Quanah

Mr. Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and presented item one on the agenda for discussion.

Item One: Review Request for Qualifications Received from Consultants Interested in Contracting to Complete Round IV of Regional Water Planning for Region B and Consider a Recommendation to the Regional Water Planning Group at its March 24, 2011 Meeting

Mr. Campbell announced the consultant team of Biggs and Mathews, Inc., Freese and Nichols, Inc., and Alan Plummer and Associates, Inc., submitted their Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) in response to the February 1, 2011 advertised Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in conjunction with the preparation of the 2015 Regional Water Plan for Region B. Mr. Campbell informed the group that the SOQ received from Biggs and Mathews, Inc., meets the established qualifications, including a breakdown of the preparation of the regional plan by task. He added that the deadline for SOQ submittals was March 7, 2011 and no other SOQs were received. Mr. Campbell expressed his confidence in Mr. Maroney and his team, but gave the committee the option to publicize the RFQ again. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) agreed unanimously that advertising again was not necessary.

Mr. Campbell mentioned that the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) currently has a projected budget of about \$65,000.00 for the fourth round of planning in Region B, but that amount could be raised or reduced following the Legislative Session. He reminded the members that the application for contract with the TWDB was due by April 8, 2011 and would then be presented to their Board on June 22, 2011 for approval. Once approved, the final contract should be executed by August 31, 2011.

With no further discussion, Mr. Campbell called for a motion to recommend Biggs and Mathews, Inc., and their subcontractors, as the contracting consultants for the fourth round of

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planning to the members of the Region B Group at the next public meeting. Mr. Wilson Scaling moved to accept the motion and Mr. Rooter Brite seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of **6 For** and **0 Against**.

Item Two: Discuss Options for filling the Vacant Position on the Regional Water Planning Group Vacated by Mr. Robert Kincaid and Consider a Recommendation to the Regional Water Planning Group – Area B at its March 24, 2011 Meeting

Mr. Campbell reminded the TAC that Mr. Kincaid, who represented municipalities in the Crowell area, had submitted a letter of resignation. He asked the group for recommendations on whether to take nominations to fill Mr. Kincaid's position now or wait until August of 2011, when several members' terms will expire. Following some discussion, the committee concluded it would be more practical to fill all of the expiring positions in August. Mr. Campbell said he would discuss appointing a nominating committee at the next Region B meeting and the members would be contacted for their suggestions and nominations. Mr. Scaling motioned to accept waiting until August 2011 to fill open positions and Mr. McGuire seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of **6 For** and **0 Against**.

Item Three: Any other Business as may be presented

Mr. Campbell initiated some conversation concerning water revenues and the possibility that the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) may begin handling all aspects of water rates instead of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Mr. McGuire and Mr. Campbell also discussed the *Sunset Report's* recommendations for members of the Regional Planning Groups and the Groundwater Management Area's Groups to serve on each other's boards to improve communications between the two groups. Mr. Campbell also informed the members that the TWDB was no longer allowing the administrative agencies for the Regional Planning Groups to claim labor cost in payment requests against the executed contracts.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



Dean Myers, Secretary



Curtis W. Campbell, Chairman